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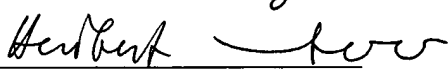
Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 10 to 42 will be pending, with claims 10 and 38-41 being in independent form. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the present specification.

It is pointed out that the cancellation of claims 1 to 9 is without prejudice or disclaimer to the prosecution of these claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees or refund excess payments to our Deposit Account No.19-0089.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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